

City of Adak

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-2013-009

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROPOSAL TO ADAK, ALASKA BY ALASKA AIRLINES.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation ("USDOT") in February 2012 requested proposals from air carriers for providing Essential Air Service ("EAS") to Adak; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2012, Peninsula Airways was the only carrier to submit an EAS proposal; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2012 the City Council convened a public hearing to solicit public input regarding the Peninsula Airways EAS proposal and heard overwhelming testimony opposing significant portions of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT rejected the Peninsula Airways proposal citing high cost and lack of community support, thereby reopening the bid process soliciting proposals from air carriers; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has been in contact with carriers in order to solicit interest and proposals of various composition in order to determine whether cost and operational efficiencies could be realized to preserve the EAS program; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT received a total of four proposals from the following carriers: Tatonduk Outfitters Limited (Everts Air Cargo), Northern Air Cargo, Era Aviation and Alaska Airlines; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has reviewed each proposal using all alternative combinations; and

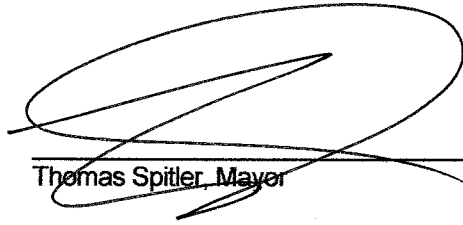
WHEREAS, the City, over the past decade, has always supported Alaska Airlines' EAS proposal, even when the cost was more than the alternative proposal(s); and

WHEREAS, the EAS proposal submitted by Alaska Airlines, at \$1.675 million, is the lowest cost combination passenger/freight proposal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council respectfully requests the U.S. Department of Transportation select the Essential Air Service proposal submitted by Alaska Airlines, though proposed for one year, at the subsidy amount requested.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Council values the hard work and dedication put forth by Tatonduk Outfitters Limited, Northern Air Cargo and Era Aviation, using their respective operational strengths, and thanks each carrier for responding to the request for proposals by the U.S. Department of Transportation with the goal of providing alternative proposals for providing essential air service to Adak.

Passed and adopted by a duly constituted quorum of the Adak City Council this 1st day of August 2012.



Thomas Spittler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debra Sharrah, City Clerk